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SUBJECT: PINCOHET'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

1. CHILE'S PRESIDENT PINOCHET BROKE NO NEW GROUND IN HIS HOUR AND A HALF NATION-WIDE ADDRESS COMMEMORATING THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1973 COUP. HE ILLUSTRATED THE GOVERNMENT'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRESS WITH COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, PAINTED AN UPBEAT PICTURE OF THE WORLD AT LAST ACCEPTING THE "CHILEAN REALITY" (GIVING EMPHASIS TO AN IMPROVED CLIMATE IN THE UNITED STATES), AND DEFENDED AT LENGTH THE RATIONALE FOR HIS TRANSITION PLAN. MISSING WERE REFERENCE TO VARIOUS LAWS WHICH LAST YEAR'S CONSTITUTIONAL ACTS SAID SHOULD BE PROMUGLATED ABOUT NOW.

2. ON RIGHTS OF THE PERSON: THE STATE OF SIEGE (AND CURFEW) WILL REMAIN FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT MAY BE LIFTED OR MODERATED SOON (PROXIMAMENTE) IF CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. IN THIE REGARD PINOCHETE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOC DOES NOT BEND TO FOREIGN PRESSURES-

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THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DECIDIONS ARE CHILE'S. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MAJOR PUBLIC SPEECH, PINOCHET ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINA) MIGHT HAVE MADE "SOME ERRORS DIFFICULT TO AVOID GIVEN ITS ARDUOUS TASK", BUT HE PROMISED THAT THE SUCCESSOR CNI WOULD BE DIFERENT IN THAT IS FUNCIONS WOULD BE FIRST AND FOREMOST (EMINENTEMENTE) THAT OF COLLECTING

INTELLIGENCE IN THE INTERNAL SECURITY AREA.

3. ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC EQUITY. PINOCHET CREDITED THAT ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS AND OTHER MID-SIXTIES SOCIAL/ECOMIC REFORM MOVEMENTS WITH CREATING UNREALIZABLE EXPECTATIONS, LEADING TO CHAOTIC POLITICAL REGIMES AND INEVITABLE MILITARY TAKEOVERS IN THE REGION. THROUGH TOUGH BUT RATIONAL ECONOMIC RETRENCHMENT, HIS GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED CHILE ON A SOUND DEVELOPMENT COURSE WHICH HAS NOW BEGUN TO BEAR RESULTS AND HAS GIVEN THE COHNTY INDEPENDENCE FROM FOREIGN POLITICO/ECONOMIC PRESSURES.

4. ON DIVIC FREEDOMS. TODAY'S LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY REGIMES STEM FROM BANKRUPTCY OF TRADITIONAL DEMOCRACY. THE GOC IS PURSUING A DEFINITE MEASUSRED COURSE TO BUILD A "PROTECTED DEMOCRACY" AND WILL NOT BE SWAYED BY "HARD" OR "SOFT" REACTIONS TO ITS INITIATIVES, AS DISCREDITED POLITICIANS WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE. ELECTIONS FORM ONLY ONE ASPECT OF A EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY. PINOCHET DE SCRIBED THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS TRANSITION PLAN AS FIRM, BUT CAREFULLY LABELLED THE TIMETABLE AS "TENTATIVE."

5. ON INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHILEAN REALITY. CHILE "BEGS NEITHER APPLAUSE NOR FAVOR" FROM ANYONE. BUT PINOCHET OBSERVED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A "SLOW BUT PROGRESSIVE" IMPROVEMENT IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE USG TOWARD THE "CHILEAN REALITY", AND THAT THIS IS ALSO THE CASE IN EUROPE.

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6. COMMENT. WE WILL BE REPORTING SEPTTEL IN GREATER DEPTH ON THE PINOCHET ADDRESS. IN GENERAL IT REFLECTS THE SAME HARDHITTING DETERMINATION CHARACTERIZING HIS PREVIOUS SPEECHES. THIS ONE, REFLECTING ECONOMIC GAINS AND POLITICAL INITIATIVES DURING THE PAST YEAR, WAS A LITTLE MORE OPTIMISTIC INTONE. BUT, UNLIKE PREVIOUS SPEECHES, IT CONTAINED VIRTUALLY BY WAY OF SPECIFICS FOR THE FUTURE.
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